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count of the little incident, they concluded not to lose the opportunity to blend the good feering evoked into a thoroughly pleasant impression, and conse-quently took the shortest way to accom-plish that desired end by at once walk-ing up to the bar where the assembled continger to man apparently in comgentlemen, to a man, apparently in com-pliance to general custom, seemed to understand that they had been invited be-fore a word had been uttered by either of fore a word had been uttered by either of the detectives, so that when my son asked, "Gentlemen, won't you join us?" it was an entirely superflous request; for on either side, behind, and extending a solid phalanx beyond, the "gentlemen" had already joined and were describing the particular liquor that in their minds would do honor to the occasion in the most lively and familiar manner possible, and interspersing their demands upon the

and interspersing their demands upon the leisurely bar-keeper with such remarks as "Gen'lemen had narrow 'scape;" "Gen'le-"Gen'lemen had narrow 'scape;" "Gen'lemen made a right smart run of it;" "Gen-lemen made a right smart run of it;" "Gen-lemen not down from Norlens (New Orleans), reckon come down Opelousas route," and other similar comments; but invariably prefacing each and every remark with the stereotyped word "Gen'lemen," which men were, without exception, assumed to be in that country at that time at least in conversation; as any negtime, at least in conversation; as any neg-lect to preface a remark with the word laid one liable to become immediately en-gaged in a discussion regarding the pro-priety of the use of the term, behind navy revolvers, rifles, double-barreled shot-guns or any other available pointed or forcible

means of argument.

After the thirst of the crowd, which upon a Gulf-coasting steamer is something terrible to contemplate, had been in a measure assuaged, my son excused himself, and with Keating repaired to the office, remarking to the clerk:

"I presume you would like to transact a little business with us now?"

"Any time to suit your convenience," returned the clerk, getting at his books with an alacrity which showed that he would be a little more willing to attend to the matter of fares then than at any

other time, William handed him an amount of William handed him an amount of money large enough to pay for both the fares of himself and Keating from Brashear to Galveston; and, while the clerk was making change, said, by way of getting into conversation with him, "I'm afraid we're on a fool's errand out here."

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The clerk counted out the change, inked his pen to take the names, and then elevating his eyebrows, although not speaking a word, plainly asked, "Ah, how's that?"

"Well, you see," replied the detective, "we're hunting a man that's had right good luck."

"He can't be in these parts," replied the clerk, with a slightly satirical smile. "Names?" he then asked.

"James A. Hicks and Patrick Mallory."

"Where from?"

'Pittsburg."
'Which is which?' asked the clerk, in "Which is which?" asked the clerk, in a business tone of voice.
"I am Hicks, and that pretty smart-looking Irishman by the baggage-room is Mallery," was the reply.
"Your age and weight?" asked the clerk mechanically, at the same time looking at my son keenly, and getting the rest of his description at a glance.
The questions were properly answered, and as the clerk was noting them he asked, "Might I ask what was the gentleman's good luck?"
"Certainly: he has fallen heir to a coal mine in Pennsylvania, and we are endeavoring to hunt him up for the executors of the estate."

tors of the estate."
"Ah? said the clerk, driving away with

"Ah? said the cierk, driving away with his pen; "will you be so good as to ask Mr. Mallory to step this way?"

My son stepped up to Keating and remarked aloud, "Mr. Mallory, Mr. Mallory, the cierk would like to see you;" and then as Keating stepped to his side, remarked to the step of the better information "He

If for his better information, "He knows your name is Patrick Mallory and that we are from Pittsburg, hunting Taylor, so he can come home and enjoy the property the old man left him; but he wants your entire description." wants your entire description "Quite so," said the quick-witted Irish-

You've got me, now," said Keating, winking familiarly at the clerk, "when we came over we went under; and so many of us was lost that those saved wasn't worth mendin' as to age, ye see; but con-cerning heft, why I'd not fear to say I'd turn an honest scale at a hundred an'

The clerk smiled, but concluded not to ask Mr. Mallory from Pittsburg any more

As soon as he had made his notes, however, William told him that he had ex-amined the lists of all other boats plying of him. between Brashear and Galveston save scribing Taylor, and stating that he might register either as H. G. Taylor and was somewhat erratic, and through family troubles, not necessary to explain, he had got into a habit of occasionally traveling incognito.

The clerk readily complied with his re-

quest, scanning the pages closely, and re-peating the name musingly as if endeav-oring to recall where he had heard it. By the time he had got on with the examina-tion of a few pages. William had select-ed a photograph of Taylor, and on show-ing it to the clerk the latter seemed to have a certain recollection of having seen him, but a very uncertain recollection as to where, or under what circumstances. He went on repeating the name, however, He went on repenting the name, however, turning back the pages with his right hand and tracing the names back and forth with the index finger of his left hand, occasionally looking at the photograph as if to assist in forcing a definite recollection but without any court force. recollection, but without any result for so long a time that Messrs. Hicks and Mallory of Pittsburg became satisfied that their last hope before arriving at Galves-ton was gone, when suddealy the clerk carelessly placed the picture beside a cer-tain name and in a manner very similar to a dry-goods clerk on securing a suc-"match" in two pieces of cloth, quietly remarked:

"Yes, can't be mistaken. There you are: I've got him." "Then we've got him." exclaimed my son, in the excess of his gratification, shaking the hand of Mr. Mallery from

As my son and Operative Keating ascented to the cabin after their lively run
to catch the Josephine they were congratulated by the officers of the boat and
many of the passengers on their graceful
and expeditious boarding of the steamer;
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rough one, and they finally arrived in the
latter city, hopeful and encouraged, notwithstanding the unusually dismai weather, which seemed to consist of one disconnected but never-ending storm, the
"oldest inhabitanis" of the place contending with great earnestness that "it 'peared
like's they'd never had nothin' like it befosh."

Arriving in Galveston early Sunday morning, they went to the Exchange Hotel, and after breakfast set about examining the hotel registers of the place, ascertaining that Taylor and brother had certaining that Taylor and brother had been in the city, stopped a day or two, and then, so far as could be learned, had gone on to Houston. They were satisfied he had made no special efforts to cover his tracks, although he had not made himself at all conspicuous, as the difficulty encountered in getting those who would be most likely to recollect him to recollect him at all, clearly showed; and it was quite evident that he had not anticipated pursuit, at least of any nature come on, the best thing that could be done was to penetrate the woods, build a rousing five, and shiver and shiver through as long, wet and weary a night as was ever experienced.

There was never a more longed-for morning than the next one, and the moment that the sickly light came feebly through the mist and rain, and straggled into the dense cotton-wood trees, where the discouraged passengers had a sort of fervent out-doors prayer-meeting, they

start, and broke the pole off short, which further complicated matters. My son, being on the box, sprang to the assistance of the driver, and stopping down upon the overturned, and then disengaged the head learn, finally appropriating a heavy wheel horse, with which he rode back in the strage could not keeting, who was perched upon a text was rushing and seething below, sweeping through the bottom of the stage, and at every moment seening to hosquare, which will be required by the strage could not be where the preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which stages which had be vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which will be sugaring "carpet-baggers" as the South that the number of the through as south as fine a picture of depairing "carpet-baggers" as the South that the middle some of the "shysters" of that the number of the stage and the there are the south of the stage and the vehicle preparatory to avereping it was, roughing of the stage and the vehicle preparatory to avereping it was, roughing through the bottom of the stage, and as which the vehicle preparatory to avereping it was, roughing through the bottom of the stage and the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which and the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which and the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which are also been paid to him to fix questions; all of which will be requisition as strong as possible, of the strage and the native of the papers, hery might be which will also been paid to him to fix questions; all of the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which are the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which are the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holding on to the baggare. Which are the vehicle preparatory to avereping it away, and also holdin



"THEY BROKE THE POLE OFF SHORT, WHICH FURTHER COMPLICATED THINGS."

At Houston they discovered from dif-ferent persons, including the Postmaster, that Taylor had been there, but had made

inquiries about points further up country; and the general impression was that he had gone on, though at Brenham, the ter-minus of the railroad, where they arrived Monday evening, they could find no trace

The next morning, when my son arose between Brashear and Galveston save those of the Josephine, and requested him to look through them, concluding by describing Taylor, and stating that he scribing Taylor, and stating that scribing Taylor, and stating that he might register either as H. G. Taylor and clerk, or under an assumed name, as he was somewhat expanse and through far energy enough to procure tobacco or "licker," their wives desolately appearing at the doors and windows, only to retire again with a woe-begone expression of suspended animation in their faces—he

Texas."

The stage was crowded, however, and the dreary conveyance splashed and crunched on until noon, when dinner was taken at Wilson's Ranch, a long, low, rambling, tumbledown structure, which, like its owner, who had at one time been a "General" of something, and now retained the thriving title out of compliment to his departed eloyy had some the section of the country; and after seeing the male, which after a few whirls, a litting bucking," several suspicious sidewise movements, and shouted "Ya-a-oop, da, Dani-el!—don quit dis heyah foolishness." Plunged into the current without further ceremony.

The passengers saw that Dani-el and his master were up to a thing or two in that section of the country; and after seeing the stream in safety sleep. taken at Wilson's Ranch, a long, low, rambling, tumbledown structure, which, like its owner, who had at one time been a "General" of something, and now retained the thriving title out of compliment to his departed glory, had gone to a genteel decay with a lazy ease worthy of its master's example. The dinner was one long to be remembered by the detectives, as it was their first genuine Texan dinner, and consisted merely of fat boiled pork, and hot bread of the consistence of putty cakes of the same dimensions, which, when broken open after a mighty effort, disclosed various articles of housewhich, when broken open after a mighty effort, disclosed various articles of household furniture, such as clay pipes, old knife-handles, and various other involces, probably playfully dumped into the flour barrel by some one of the half-score of tow-headed, half-clad children which the "General" and his buxom helpmate had seen fit to provide for torturing another generation with rare Texan dinners at a dollar a plate.

It was an all-day's labor getting to La Grange, but 3 miles from Brenham, where County, who, hearing his inquiries of the

any passengers or baggage to make it drag more heavily; but he thought that if once on the other side, they might get to Austin the same day. William was to Austin the same day. William was anxious to push shead, and looking about town discovered a rather venturesome negro who owned a monstrous mule, and at once entered into negotiations with him for the transfer of the party and baggage, sink or swim.

When the stage arrived at the creek

the baggage was unloaded, and the stage successfully forded the stream. But as the water covered so broad an expanse, was so deep and rapid, and altogether presented such a forbidding appearance. the passengers refused to try the mule experiment, unless William, who had proposed the mode of transfer, and had secured the novel ferry, which stood with the grinning negro upon its back ready for passengers, would first cross the Rubicon suspended animation in their faces—he fully realized the force of the remark attributed to Gen. Sheridan, and more expressive than polite: "If I owned Texas to demonstrate the convenience and safety and hell, I would live in hell and sell Texas."

The state of the passage. So, handing the Captain one of the valless, he mounted the mule, which after a few whirls, a litting the suspense of the passage.

formation that Taylor had a permanent residence at or near Corpus Christi; that either he or his brother owned a sheep ranch near the coast, not far from that city, while the other dealt in hides and wool there; and that one or the other penetrated into the interior as far as San Antonio, soliciting consignments.

My son at once concluded that it was the Captain who had done the dealing, as well as stealing, and whose money and business ability had been brought to bear upon the trading at Corpus Christi, and upon the ranch in the country near it; the brother, though probably entirely innocent of complicity in the robbery, or even a knowledge of the source whence the money had come, being used only for a convenient repository for his ill-gotten as the being used only for a convenient repository for his ill-gotten as the being used only for the money had come, being used only for a convenient repository for his ill-gotten as the being used only for the money had come, being used only for the money had come as the mo a convenient repository for his ill-gotten funds in case of Kuhn Brothers following him before he was ready to meet them. He therefore decided to get through to Corpus Christi in the very shortest time in which the trip could be made via New Braunfels, San Antonio, Victoria, and Port Lavaca, hoping that he might be able to pick him up along some portion of that route, as it was quite evident he made frequent trips in that direction; and, at whatever point he might be started, should whatever point he might be started, should he seem to be going much farther into the seem to be going much larther into the interior—which would be improbable, as San Antonio at that time was quite a frontier city—arrest him at once, and hurry him back to Galveston, along the route he was already familiar with; but, should he be going toward the coast, to let him take his companyed to the serving him well in take his own course, keeping him well in hand until he had reached Corpus Christi or some other seaport city, and waiting a favorable opportunity arrest him and get him aboard a boat before he could recover

Not a half hour before they left Austin he fortunately met Judge Davis, of Corpus Christi, who was there attending some political convention, and who gave him a letter to his law partner at home, should his services in any way be needed, as I had been of some services to him on a previous occasion; so that when my two devices occasions oc vious occasion; so that when my two de-tectives left Austin en Jan. 17, 1868, they elt perfectly satisfied of ultimate success

sentiment and counterfeiting had pronounced a ban upon greenbacks, and not only in gold, but at exorbitant prices; hotel rates being \$5 per day; single meals, from \$1 to \$2; railroad fares, 8 cents per mile, and stage rates nearly double that amount; with no assurance that you would ever reach a destination you had paid to be conveyed to; all attended by various kinds of danger, among which was the pleasant reflection that you might be called upon at any time to contribute to the benefit of that noble relic of chivalry, the Ku Klux Klan, who at that day were particularly busy in Texas.

All of these pleasant considerations made the departure from Galveston for Austin, in a Pickwickian sense, unusually agreeable.

At Houston they discovered from different that provided the formal and the party will a splendid media, something with which to wash it down, and been composed of down.

At Houston they discovered from different the detectives, the brother of ex-Gov. Lubbeck, of Texas, to the detectives, the brother of ex-Gov. Lubbeck, of Texas, to the fortunately for thee detectives, the brother of ex-Gov. Lubbeck, of Texas, to the party, and as they had been detawn from its peril, with a small drink by way of retainer, accomplished what would not do so a new pole put in the stage had been drawn forces and the procession again took up the way of retainer, accomplished what would not do so wife provided by the way again took up the way of retainer, accomplished what would not have brozes and the procession again took up the way again took up the way and the procession again t and, with lanterns, picked out the way. Often they would be misled where the ground was so bad as to almost defy a passage over it, when the patient animals behind them, steaming from the toil of straining along with nothing but an empty coach, would stop, as if guided by a keener instinct, where they would quietly remain until the united search of the three men had discovered the road, when the intelligent creatures docilely plodded

along again. And so, through seemingly bottomles quagmires; over corduroys, where the shaky ends of timbers, struck by a horse's shaky ends of timbers, struck by a horse's hoof, would mercilessly splash those walking beside the useless vehicle, or, suddenly relieved from the weight of the ponderous wheel, would fly upward to heave gallons of slime upon the coach; laboring around the bases of far-extending mounds of sandy loam; descending into unexpected and sometimes dangerous depressions, along creeks, and plunging into streams, where drift and changing, sandy bottoms always made it a question whether the always made it a question whether the couch could ever be got across, they marched only as Sherman taught soldiers to march, or as honest detectives will crowd all obstacles between themselves and their duty, and came with the gray of the morning to the

of the morning to the beautiful, forest-shaded Guadaloupe.

Fording this river without nearly the trouble presented at some of the petty runs and creeks which had been passed. they came to New Braunfels with the sun, which had shown itself for the first time which had shown itself for the first time since their arrival in Texas, and which also shone upon the first city which had shown any of that wide-awake, "go-aheaditiveness" and thrift so common to nearly all Northern cities.

The reason that New Braunfels differed so materially from the ordinary

The reason that New Braunfels dif-fered so materially from the ordinary Texan towns lay in the fact that it was almost exclusively settled by Germans; and it was a welcome sight to the detect-ives to be able to enter a place where, from suburb to center, up and down long, finely-shaded avenues, it was plain to be seen that the most had been made of averything.

seen fit to provide for torturing another shaling the hand of Mr. Mallory from Pittshurg.

"It's a jor," said the latter, beaming.

"The surprise to his friends!" murmured Keating.

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"The surprise to himself, I should say," interrupted the clerk.

"Quite so," said Mr. Keating.

It appeared that Taylor and his brother had missed one or two boats at Brashear from some cause, but had finally taken passed one or two boats at Brashear from some cause, but had finally taken to secretain whether had not been able to secretain whether had not been able to secretain whether had not been able to secretain whether had been able to secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretain whether had not been able to see the secretai

kindness, and withdrew, only too anxious to get to where his man was before any information that he was being sought for should reach him, and either scare him beyond the Rio Grande, or enable him to act on the defensive, as only a man can act who has plenty of money, plenty of friends, and, as we already know, a great plenty of bravery on his own account.

It frough the old Mexican quarter of the town; but no other information was secured save through the German landlady of a hotel, who was as positive as her limited knowledge of the English language would allow her to be, that Taylor had stopped at her house without registering at all, and had gone directly from San Antonio to Port Lavaca or Corpus Christi on horseback, which after all, in the ex-Soon after he had returned to the hotel, Keating came in with the undoubted in-

It was evident nothing was to be gained by remaining any longer at San Antonio, and was quite as plain that all possible expedition should be used in getting on to

As if the fates were ordained perverse, the moment the two left San Antonio a steady, drenching rain again began to fall, and as the stage was crowded, the discomfort of those within conid not very well be increased. About 12 miles from San Antonio the driver succeeded in tip-ping over the stage, and giving the occu-pants "an elegant mud varnish all over," as Operative Keating aptly expressed it The driver remarked that he was "going one. On arriving at Lavernia Station the dismal announcement was made by the lean, long stage agent, who seemed to have never done anything from time im-memorial save sit in the door of his tum-ble-down hovel to make dismal announcement that "the Cibolo (pronounced ther 'C'uillou') is just a scootin' and a rippir up its banks like a mad buffler bull! ye' all be back to stay at my tavern all night.

It was the contemplation of this man' pure cussedness, as he sat there doting on the big bills he would charge when the Cibolo should drive back a stage-load of hungry travelers, that nerved them to push on at all hazards and attempt a rossing at some point where the Cibole scooted and ripped up its banks" with o Victoria; but on reaching Southerland prings, seven miles distant, it was found that it would be necessary to wait until Thursday morning, when they might pos-sibly make a passage, as the stream was cunning down to within something like ordinary bounds very fast.

Thursday afternoon came before an at-

empt to ford the stream was made, when he driver agreed to land the passengers in the middle of the stream on an immense fallen tree, from which point they could reach the other side, when they might be able to get the empty stage across also. able to get the empty stage across also.

The trial was made, and was successful so far as landing the passengers was concerned, but while this was being done the wheels of the coach sank deeper and deeper into the mucky bed of the stream, and though but a few minutes had clapsed the strange action of the water had caused deposits to form about the coach or rapidly that it become firmly included. which he could not easily compromise, started for Webberville, hungry, drenched, and intended going into some legitimate business under his own name, and with his brother's assistance.

Before he could be arrested in Texas, however, it would be necessary to secure of the State; nearly the whole distance of the State; nearly the whole distance having to be done by stage, which at that impered through by it. Besides this, according to my son's reports, which gave at the description of things in Texas at time, everything beyond Houston had to be paid for in gold, as sections of the carried over the nearest of the feeting sentiment and counterfeiting had pronounced a ban upon greenbacks, and not serving the stage of the countries of the feeting sentiment and counterfeiting had pronounced a ban upon greenbacks, and not serving the stage of the countries of the countries of the stage had been description of the same terrible experiences as to staging were again encountered. It required the entire day to traverse the texture dust to two, but to town, but to two, but it required the entire day to traverse the texture dust the stage between Austin and Blanco here which a star that distance stretched over a depend and forded number as the stage been waded and forded number to the water had clapsed the strange action of the water had stage been waded and forded number that they seemled as ort of a spilling the passengers was contended to the traverse of the could be accorded to the strange action of the stram, and the distance of the strange action of the water had clapsed the strange action of the strange action of the water had clapsed the strange action of the water had clapsed the strange action of the strange action of the strange action of the strange actio

turned, and slept late into the morning, awakening stiff in every joint and scarcely able for that day's journey, which, with its complement of accidents and delays, took them safely over Esteto Creek and into Yorktown early in the evening, where the detectives secured certain information that Taylor had been in Corpus Christi the week previous Christi the week previous, and was un-doubtedly there at that time, as Texas by this time had become a net-work of re-sistless streams, almost impassable quagmires and far-reaching lagoons.

(To be continued.) Saved Him 25 Years' Subscription.

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WANTED-Address of William Saladin, late of Co. H. lat O. V. I. Address D. A. Moreland, Steuben-

WANTED—John Williams, Eureks, Humboldt Co., Cal., Corporal of Co. K, 8th Mo. Cav., desires infor-mation of the whereabouts, if living, of his brother, Geo, Jesse Williams, Co. A, 4th Mich. Luf. He was in Texas when last heard from in 1885.

We secured more allowances in 1900 than in any year since 1892. If

WANTED - Address of Garvey and Smith, who served with James Mansberger in U. S. Navy on Regelv-ing Ship Franklin; last heard of were employed in Re-snocke, Va., as machinists for Norfolk & Western R. Address James Mansberger, Mifflinville, Ohio. 28-31

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manding that company, and having his eyes hurt as manding that company, and having his eyes hurt as the time Sengeau by name of Jebbs was killed while supporting 20th N. Y. Baitery. Any information in regard to the above will be thankfully received by Lieut. B. F. Bussell, Thurston, Lane Co., Ore., who has lost his pression.

WANTED-Jarvis Sherman, Tarkio, Mo., would like to hear from any of his comrades who in Jury, 18d, were assigned with him to the First Provisional Battalion at Camp Distribution, Virginia, and were sent from there to Forts Reno, Bennett, Slocum, Lincoln and Maussield, on the Maryland side. 23-24.

WANTED-Army of Cumberland scouts: Would